

**Table 34.**  
**Household and family characteristics, by age, December 1999**

Characteristic	Number				Percentage of all recipients			
	Total	Under 18	18–64	65 or older	Total	Under 18	18–64	65 or older
All recipients	6,824,567	909,015	4,064,001	1,851,552	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Household type								
Family								
Married couple present	2,276,049	353,412	1,283,330	639,307	33.4	38.9	31.6	34.5
No married couple, male householder	2,157,575	518,804	1,313,309	325,462	31.6	57.1	32.3	17.6
No married couple, female householder	294,112	36,798	210,255	47,059	4.3	4.0	5.2	2.5
Nonfamily								
Male householder	731,337	0	541,010	190,327	10.7	0	13.3	10.3
Female householder	1,321,533	0	678,967	642,566	19.4	0	16.7	34.7
Group quarters	43,961	0	37,130	6,831	0.6	0	0.9	0.4
Ownership status of living quarters								
Owned	2,708,848	396,400	1,598,842	713,606	39.7	43.6	39.3	38.5
Not owned	4,115,721	512,615	2,465,159	1,137,947	60.3	56.4	60.7	61.5
Residence in public housing	862,073	83,100	490,922	288,051	12.6	9.1	12.1	15.6
Household receipt of <sup>a</sup> —								
Energy assistance	793,057	88,780	514,462	189,815	11.6	9.8	12.7	10.3
Housing assistance	724,427	133,591	431,281	159,555	10.6	14.7	10.6	8.6
Food stamps	3,008,849	345,127	1,965,402	698,320	44.1	38.0	48.4	37.7
Household size								
1 person	1,842,548	0	1,083,554	758,994	27.0	0	26.7	41.0
2 persons	1,655,909	76,717	971,370	607,822	24.3	8.4	23.9	32.8
3–4 persons	2,029,674	363,680	1,342,534	323,460	29.7	40.0	33.0	17.5
5 or more persons	1,296,437	468,617	666,543	161,277	19.0	51.6	16.4	8.7
Family size								
1 person	2,214,321	24,037	1,346,844	843,440	32.4	2.6	33.1	45.6
2 persons	1,564,472	89,366	903,446	571,660	22.9	9.8	22.2	30.9
3–4 persons	1,859,925	343,404	1,220,252	296,269	27.3	37.8	30.0	16.0
5 or more persons	1,185,851	452,208	593,459	140,184	17.4	49.7	14.6	7.6
Under age 18 in family								
None	4,531,424	24,037	2,857,197	1,650,190	66.4	2.6	70.3	89.1
1 person	734,248	163,595	458,790	111,863	10.8	18.0	11.3	6.0
2–3 persons	657,273	231,593	383,020	42,660	9.6	25.5	9.4	2.3
4 persons	758,239	391,241	320,160	46,838	11.1	43.0	7.9	2.5
5 or more persons	143,382	98,548	44,834	0	2.1	10.8	1.1	0
Total household income in 1999 (dollars) <sup>b</sup>								
Less than 5,000	168,754	0	129,407	39,347	2.5	0	3.2	2.1
5,000–9,999	2,286,873	89,344	1,335,863	861,666	33.5	9.8	32.9	46.5
10,000–14,999	1,114,305	102,191	627,746	384,368	16.3	11.2	15.4	20.8
15,000–19,999	825,834	230,309	436,438	159,087	12.1	25.3	10.7	8.6
20,000–24,999	520,139	135,379	327,802	56,958	7.6	14.9	8.1	3.1
25,000–29,999	363,509	81,423	234,165	47,921	5.3	9.0	5.8	2.6
30,000–34,999	310,017	61,763	171,836	76,418	4.5	6.8	4.2	4.1
35,000–39,999	199,882	52,039	116,644	31,199	2.9	5.7	2.9	1.7
40,000 or more	1,035,254	156,567	684,100	194,587	15.2	17.2	16.8	10.5
Total family income in 1999 (dollars) <sup>b</sup>								
Less than 5,000	144,758	8,242	90,897	45,619	2.1	0.9	2.2	2.5
5,000–9,999	2,319,904	33,435	1,378,388	908,081	34.0	3.7	33.9	49.0
10,000–14,999	1,190,774	70,351	735,454	384,969	17.4	7.7	18.1	20.8
15,000–19,999	681,561	98,187	426,174	157,200	10.0	10.8	10.5	8.5
20,000–24,999	616,150	223,767	355,843	36,540	9.0	24.6	8.8	2.0
25,000–29,999	401,864	157,444	231,387	13,033	5.9	17.3	5.7	0.7
30,000–34,999	282,251	116,778	115,178	50,295	4.1	12.8	2.8	2.7
35,000–39,999	242,872	48,719	147,302	46,851	3.6	5.4	3.6	2.5
40,000 or more	944,435	152,092	583,378	208,965	13.8	16.7	14.4	11.3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, SSA administrative records, matched to U.S. Census Bureau, 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation.

NOTES: Individuals receiving SSI benefits in December 1999 are identified using the Social Security Administration's administrative data. The unweighted total sample size is 1,100 SSI recipients: 118 cases aged 17 and under, 604 cases aged 18 to 64, and 378 cases aged 65 or older.

A family is a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together. A household includes related family members and all the unrelated persons, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit or a group of unrelated persons sharing a housing unit as partners is also counted as a household.

a. Individuals may be counted in more than one category.

b. Annual data.

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